

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: ST. JUDE MEDICAL, INC.
SILZONE HEART VALVES
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 01-1396 (JRT/FLN)

ORDER

J. Gordon Rudd, Jr. and Charles S. Zimmerman, ZIMMERMAN REED, P.L.L.P., 651 Nicollet Mall, Suite 501, Minneapolis, MN 55402; Steven E. Angstreich, Michael Coren, and Carolyn Lindheim, LEVY, ANGSTREICH, FINNEY, BALDANTE, RUBENSTEIN & COREN, P.C., Woodcrest Pavilion, Suite 100, 10 Melrose Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; James T. Capretz, CAPRETZ & ASSOC., 5000 Birch Street, Suite 2500, West Tower, Newport Beach, CA 92660; Joe D. Jacobson, GREEN, SCHAAF & JACOBSON, P.C., 7733 Forsyth, Suite 700, St. Louis, MO 63105; and Patrick Murphy, MURPHY LAW OFFICE, 844 E Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104, for plaintiffs.

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The Court has been apprised of an issue that has arisen during deposition of Peter Gove, Vice President of Public and Government Relations for defendant St. Jude Medical. It is the view of the Court that questions concerning how long the deponent met with attorneys to prepare for the deposition is discoverable, but the content of any of those discussions clearly is not.

DATED: April 28, 2004
at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/ John R. Tunheim
JOHN R. TUNHEIM
United States District Judge